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2004 Commission Members  
Charles Metcalf, Chairperson  
Carol Wilson, Vice-Chairperson  
Allyson Gourley, Secretary  
Robert Thomas  
Myles Rigney  
Bill Raycraft, 3 yr. Alt.  
John Nikias, 1 yr. Alt.  
Unassigned 2 yr. Alt.  
Tom Reynolds, Ex-Officio

## Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting March 23, 2004

Present: Jim Blouin, Allyson Gourley, Chuck Metcalf, John Nikias,  
Carol Wilson,  
Myles Rigney

Minutes:

Meeting convened at 7:30 pm.

1. Pubic Comment: No public comment.
2. Boy Scout Project at Bolton Fields:

Justin Robichaud with Boy scout Troop #24 presented a proposal for construction of (2) dugouts at the baseball field at Bolton. He would like to apply this project toward earning an Eagle scout badge. He proposed (2) different plans:

- #1 – In-ground design (cost estimated at \$2,700. ea.)
- #2 – above ground design (cost estimated at \$2,000. ea.)

WAC President Bob Nelson expressed safety and flooding concerns regarding the in-ground design. He suggested a design where the bottom 3<sup>rd</sup> of the structure would be open.

Motion : Chuck Metcalf made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Commission contribute up to \$1,000. toward the project (above ground proposals only). Carol Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed – unanimous.

Other WAC Business: Bob Nelson asked the Commission if there were any objections to construction of a barrier at Ineson Field to prevent vehicles from driving onto the field. He said the barrier would be similar to the one at Purington Field. No objections were expressed

Bob also told the Commission that WAC would like to donate (3) LED score boards valued at \$11,000. The boards are operated by remote control and would be mounted on telephone poles. Chuck Metcalf asked Bob to coordinate with Jim Blouin about possible locations for the score boards. Chuck stated that the donation of score boards would need to be approved by the selectmen at public hearing.

Brief discussion about a "Grand Opening" at Bolton Fields on Sunday, May 9, 2004.

Elections:           Chairman - Chuck Metcalf  
                          Vice Chair - Carol Wilson  
                          Secretary - Allyson Gourley

General discussion regarding the voting results of Weare Town Meeting. Most notably the default budget was approved; P&R CIP Funds were transferred to the general fund.

3. Projects: Chuck discussed P&R projects that the Commission will be requesting funding for at the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday:

1. Chase Park Erosion Control
2. Gate for boat ramp at Chase park
3. Lawn care Contract

Chuck told the Commission that other projects that had been considered, such as a fencing and irrigation, were on hold for now. Also discussed : \$3,000. for a milfoil inspector at Chase Park; Tom Reynolds will be representing the selectmen at P&R meetings since Brian McDonald was not re-elected.

4. Review of Minutes

5. Chase Park

Fees: Following considerable discussion, a proposal to increase the boat launch fee to \$15. was defeated. A second motion to increase the boat sticker fee to \$20. and eliminate the free weekend which has been offered to residents on the lake in the past, seconded by Carol Wilson, was unanimously approved. It was decided that all other fees will remain the same.

Chuck asked Jim to advertise for the new Milfoil Inspector position on channel 6 and in the local free newspapers.

Chuck announced that the permit to restore the eroded shoreline at Chase Park had been granted by DES. There was a brief discussion regarding the "Hot Dog " vendors that worked at Chase Park last year. It was decided that the \$25./mo. fee would remain the same this year.

## 6. Directors Report

Flower Show did not show a lot of interest - 9 tickets sold.

Recent luncheons for the senior citizens were a big success. One was held at the Travers Tavern in Goffstown. The other luncheon, held at Weare Middle School, had 25 participants. The Parks and Recreation Commission received a thank-you note from the Happy Wearites expressing their appreciation.

Jim discussed the summer concerts he has scheduled.

Jim stated that he has purchased 100 tickets for the Fisher Cats Game on June 19, 2004.

Chuck - Motion to charge \$3. per ticket, P&R subsidize the remainder.

Carol - Seconded Motion- Motion passed - unanimous

Jim announced that the Swim Instructor from last summer will be returning this summer.

Chuck - Motion to pay the Swim Instructor \$18./hr.

Allyson - Seconded Motion- Motion passed-unanimous

Brief discussion about the per child cost. It was decided to keep the charge the same as last year - \$5. per child/session.

Brief discussion about the lighting at the tennis courts and the soccer fields. Chuck said the wiring is dangerous and should be deactivated. Jim Spadaro had approached Jim asking if the lighting at the tennis courts could be repaired - possibly get estimates?

Jim discussed some additional activities he would like to do for the seniors: another game night in May and possibly a barbecue - a location would need to be secured.

Jim talked about the main sign proposed at Bolton fields. He said the sign is etched granite. He explained that the sign is required to be a minimum of 50' from the road centerline and will be placed in the center of the entrance, set perpendicular to the road so it can be read from both directions. He obtained an estimate of \$1,466. from Elite Signworks for a letterboard to attach to the granite sign.

There was a brief discussion regarding porta-potty prices:

American Guardians Septic - \$90./mo.

Handy House - \$78./mo.

Daves Septic - ?

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.